

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR :
REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :
: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
PAMELA G. HAKEN, LPN :
License No. 26NP05142100 : FINAL ORDER OF
: DISCIPLINE
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE :
OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Pamela G. Haken ("Respondent") is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. By Final Order of Discipline filed on April 11, 2014, a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars was imposed and Respondent was ordered to undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Board's designated intervention program - the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP). The Order directed Respondent to enroll in RAMP

within thirty days for purposes of obtaining the comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation.

3. Copies of the Final Order were mailed to Respondent's address of record via regular and certified mail. The regular mail was not returned. The United States Postal Service Track & Confirm system indicates that the certified mail was returned as "unclaimed."

4. Respondent failed to enroll in RAMP and failed to undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to comply with a Board order is deemed professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, which subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension of Respondent's license to practice was entered on July 7, 2014 and a copy was forwarded to Respondent's address of record by means of both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or

Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the Provisional Order sent by means of certified mail was returned as "unclaimed," the regular mail was not returned. Because the Order was forwarded to Respondent's address of record, the Board deems service to have been effected. Respondent failed to reply to the Provisional Order. Accordingly, the Board determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that the Provisional Order should be made final. Respondent cannot evade discipline by failing to respond.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 6th day of October, 2014,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing is hereby suspended for a minimum of one year and until she demonstrates that she is fit and competent, undergoes a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Board's designated intervention program, RAMP, gains RAMP

support for reinstatement, and pays the civil penalty imposed by the Final Order of Discipline filed on April 11, 2014.

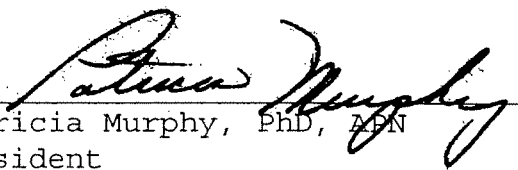
2. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning RAMP reports and disclosures to the Board, and use by the Board of that information in any disciplinary or licensing proceeding.

3. All costs associated with the evaluation and/or monitoring outlined above shall be the responsibility of, and paid directly by, Respondent.

4. Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a nurse until such time as her license is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Murphy, PhD, APRN
President